

## Message Text

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ACTION NEA-11

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 PM-05 H-01 INR-10 L-03  
PA-01 SP-02 SS-15 NSCE-00 SSO-00 ICAE-00 INRE-00  
HA-05 /054 W  
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O P 050830Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY KABUL  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7811  
SECDEF IMMEDIATE  
DIRNSA FT MEADE MD IMMEDIATE  
CINCPAC IMMEDIATE  
INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN PRIORITY

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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

ISLAMABAD, NEW DELHI, TEHRAN: ALSO FOR USDAOs

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ASEC, PINS, AF  
SUBJECT: MILITARY CONFLICT IN KABUL

1. AS OF 1200 HOURS, MAY 5, KABUL REMAINS CALM, ALTHOUGH  
THERE WERE SCATTERED AND UNCONFIRMED REPORTS BY SOME MISSION  
MEMBERS THAT THEY HEARD BRIEF SMALL ARMS FIRE THE EVENING OF  
MAY 4, AS WELL AS TWO LARGER EXPLOSIONS WHICH SOUNDED LIKE  
HEAVIER FIRE. THE GOVERNMENT'S OVERNIGHT CURFEW REMAINS IN  
EFFECT.

2. TURKEY AND VIETNAM HAVE RECOGNIZED THE NEW REGIME. RADIO  
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AFGHANISTAN HAS CARRIED SEVERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS WHICH INDICATE  
THAT THE EASTERN EUROPEAN AMBASSADORS, ESPECIALLY THE POLISH AND  
BULGARIAN REPRESENTATIVES, ARE ACTIVELY CALLING ON THE NEW  
CABINET MEMBERS.

3. THE RADIO ALSO CARRIED A "COMMUNIQUE" FROM THE INTERIOR  
MINISTRY WARNING THE POPULATION AGAINST DANGERS PRESENTED BY

THOSE WHO REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE VALIDITY OF THE "REVOLUTION,"  
AND THE ACTIONS WHICH THE LATTER MIGHT UNDERTAKE TO UNDERMINE  
THE NEW ORDER. THE ANNOUNCEMENT INSTRUCTS THE PEOPLE TO TURN  
IN IMMEDIATELY SUCH "OPPORTUNISTS, AGITATORS, AND SABOTEURS"  
TO THE AUTHORITIES. WHETHER THIS MEANS THAT THE REGIME IN FACT  
ANTICIPATES DOMESTIC RESISTANCE REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

4. AMONG MANY EXPRESSION OF CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW REGIME  
FROM GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS FROM VARIOUS SEGMENTS OF THE SOCIETY,  
THE RADIO REPORTED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF MORE PUSHTUN TRIBES  
AND OF THE "OPPRESSED" MASSES OF THE PEOPLE OF BALUCHISTAN  
WELCOMED THE OVERTHROW OF THE FORMER REGIME. THE ANNOUNCEMENT  
IS UNCLEAR REGARDING EXACTLY WHICH GROUPS ARE REPRESENTED  
BY THESE PARTICULAR WELL-WISHERS, NOR WHETHER THEY ARE PHYSICALLY  
LOCATED IN AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN, OR IRAN.  
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